

THIRD COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 68 (C): HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND REPORTS OF
SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES
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REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
ON "SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MYANMAR" IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON
24th NOVEMBER, 2014

Madam Chairperson,

Over the last few years, the Government of Myanmar has undertaken significant political and economic reforms towards greater democratization. We have welcomed these steps. We continue to support the efforts of the Government of Myanmar towards reform and reconciliation, with reference to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, release of political prisoners, holding of peace talks with the ethnic groups, including the Kachins, and proposal for signing of a nationwide ceasefire accord soon. These are positive steps, especially given that elections are due to take place next year.

2. With respect to the situation in Rakhine State and communal violence in the country, we have noted that the Government of Myanmar has taken steps towards restoration of law and order. India has extended humanitarian assistance to the Government of Myanmar to support the relief, rehabilitation and community building measures being undertaken in affected areas of Rakhine province.

Madam Chairperson,

3. We encourage the international community to assist the Government of Myanmar to carry out the entire gamut of their developmental work in the country. On our part, since 2003, we have committed US dollars 1.5 billion to Myanmar by way of grants and concessional loans in the fields of human resource development, infrastructure, agriculture, information technology, health and industrial training in Myanmar.

4. We feel very strongly that we should extend our support to the Government of Myanmar and thus further encourage the reform measures that are already being undertaken by the Government of Myanmar, as requested by the country.

I thank you, Madam Chairperson.
